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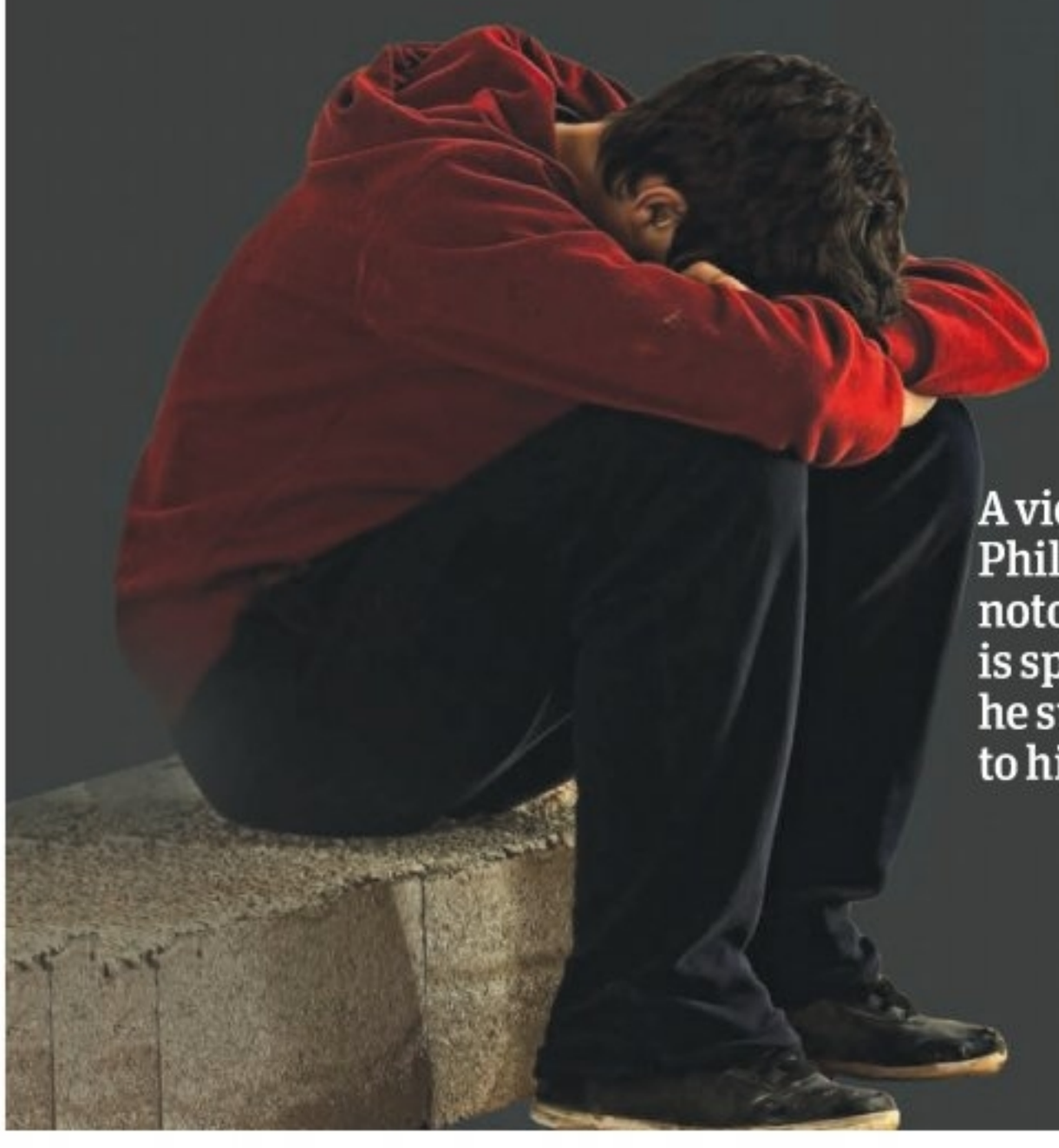

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ERIN TIERNAN, WEB REPORTER

Good morning! Apparently we all missed the election Tuesday, but an "accidental Confederate election" went down and it earned President Donald Trump a spot on Wikipedia's very short list of "Presidents of the Confederate States of America" page. After 152 years without a leader, find out how Trump earned his rank at **metro.us/president-trump.**

TRUMP DISBANDED BUSINESS COUNCILS

1 President Donald Trump announced the disbanding of two high-profile business advisory councils after CEOs quit in protest over his remarks blaming violence in the Virginia city of Charlottesville not only on white nationalists but also on the protesters who opposed them. A parade of prominent Republicans and U.S. ally Britain also rebuked Trump after his comments on Tuesday about the weekend bloodshed further enveloped his seven-month-old presidency in controversy, paralyzed his policy aims and left him increasingly isolated. Trump announced the dissolution of the American Manufacturing Council and Strategic and Policy Forum after a series of chief executives including Campbell Soup Co.'s Denise Morrison and 3M Co.'s Inge Thulin abandoned the panels.

TRUMP PRAISES KIM FOR 'WISE' DECISION ON GUAM

2 President Donald Trump on Wednesday praised North Korean leader Kim Jong Un for a "wise" decision not to fire missiles toward the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam, which has eased escalating tension between the two countries. Reclusive North Korea has made no secret of its plan to develop a nuclear-tipped missile capable of hitting the United States to counter what it perceives as constant U.S. threats of invasion. Trump warned North Korea last week it would face "fire and fury" if it threatened the United States, prompting North Korea to say it was considering plans to fire missiles toward Guam. But North Korean media reported on Tuesday that Kim had delayed the decision while he waited to see what the United States did next. Kim Jong Un of North Korea made a very wise and well reasoned decision," Trump wrote on Twitter.

MEMORIAL FOR HEATHER HEYER

3 Susan Bro, mother to Heather Heyer, speaks during a memorial for her daughter at the Paramount Theater on Wednesday in Charlottesville, Virginia. Heyer was killed Saturday, when a car rammed into a crowd of people protesting a white nationalist rally. GETTY IMAGES

BLACK BANKER SUES GOLDMAN SACHS

4 A black banker in Goldman Sachs Group Inc.'s personal wealth management unit filed a lawsuit on Wednesday accusing the firm of steering top clients to her white colleagues and denying her promotions because of her race. Rebecca Allen in the lawsuit filed in federal court in Manhattan said Goldman's virtually all-white senior leadership team favors white bankers for promotions and lucrative accounts, so they earn more than black coworkers. "Simply put, Goldman Sachs does virtually nothing to hire, promote or develop black talent, instead focusing its efforts on retaining and promoting white employees to positions of leadership," Allen said in the complaint. Goldman in a statement said the claims were meritless.

TWITTER SHUTS ACCOUNTS OF US HATE GROUP SITES

5 Twitter Inc. suspended accounts linked to the neo-Nazi website Daily Stormer, keeping up pressure from Silicon Valley on white supremacists after weekend violence in Charlottesville, Virginia. Twitter said it would not discuss individual accounts, but at least three accounts affiliated with the Daily Stormer led to pages saying "account suspended." The San Francisco-based social network prohibits violent threats, harassment and hateful conduct and "will take action on accounts violating those policies," the company said in a statement. Larger rival Facebook Inc., which unlike Twitter explicitly prohibits hate speech, has taken down several pages from Facebook and Instagram in recent days that it said were associated with hate speech or hate organizations.

FAST FACT

Asked if they could "think of anything that Trump could do, or fail to do, in his term as president that would make you disapprove of the job he is doing," about 60 percent of Trump supporters said no, according to a new nationwide poll released by Monmouth University in New Jersey. That's equivalent to about one-quarter of all Americans overall, given Trump's current level of support.

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No justice in 'notorious' Catholic priest abuse

A Northeast Philly native wants to raise awareness about sex abuse in the Catholic church.

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Described by a Philadelphia grand jury in 2005 as one of the most notorious serial abusers in Philadelphia, Catholic priest Rev. James J. Brzyski was never charged. Now, a man who says he was one of his victims is speaking out.

John-Michael Delaney, 46, of Sevierville, Tennessee, grew up in the Fox Chase section of Northeast Philly and attended St. Cecilia's Catholic school where he lived with his mother and stepfather, as well as his little sister, who is now a Philadelphia police detective.

"My earliest memory of church was my first confession. I became an altar boy. Father James J. Bryzski was the head of the altar boys. That's when the abuse started," said Delaney. "I was raped by the time I was 13. He befriended my family and was at our house a lot inviting us to the rectory all while he was molesting me and at least a dozen other boys in St. Cecilia's."

This shocking and detailed information is told in graphic detail in the 2005 Philadelphia grand jury report. Delaney was identified as "Sean" in the report.

"The Catholic Church has been looked upon as one of the most highly respected pillars in society, so when an issue of child molestation or rape is brought to attention, because the priests are so highly regarded, the accusations unfortunately are not fully investigated," said Tyra Gardner of At a Moment's Notice, LLC.

"When children are sexually abused, they are normally told it is a secret, and these victims do not tell," said Gardner, adding that victims may display unusual behaviors such as anger, aggression and a refusal to be away from people they trust.

Delaney started acting out, getting in trouble and using drugs to the point where his mother had him charged as incorrigible. He was then sent off to St. Francis Home for Boys in Bensalem, where he stayed for about a year before they sent him to the Abraxas Foundation in Marienville for another year.

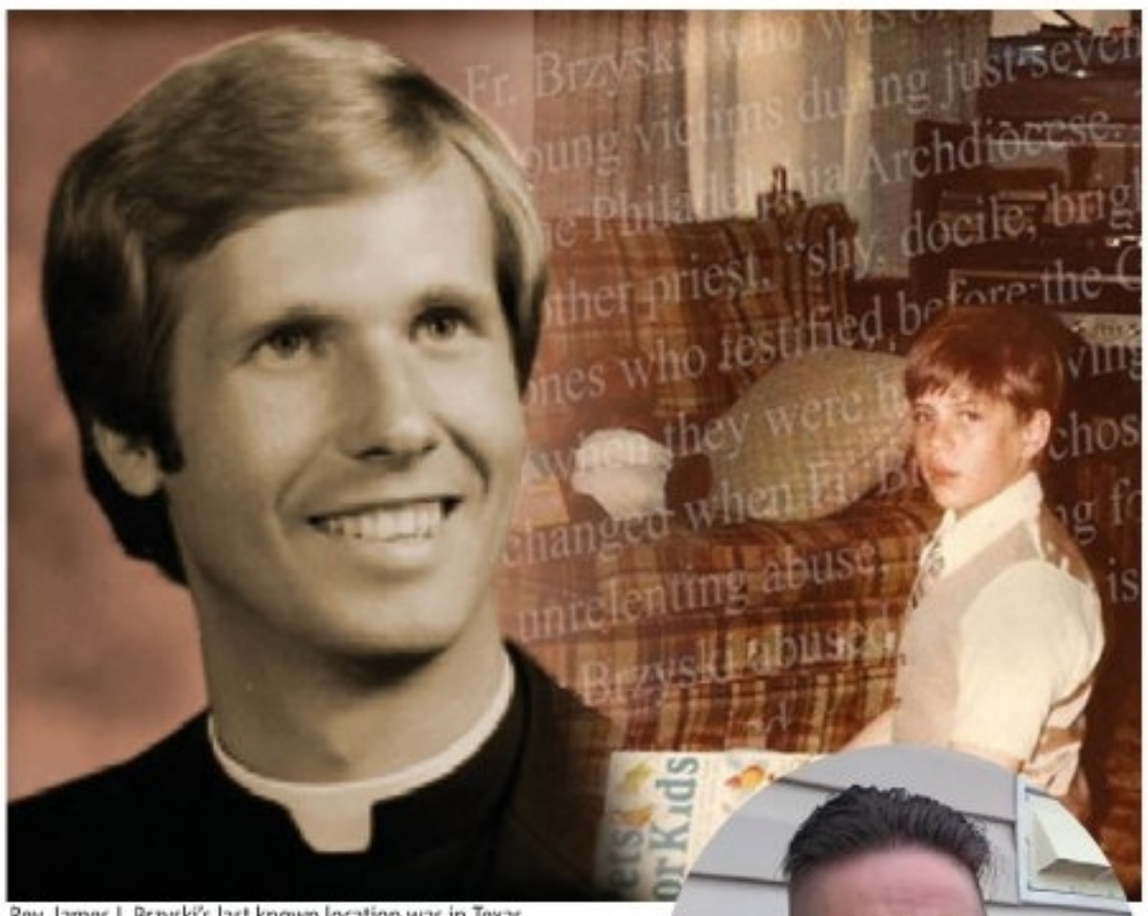
"I got out, continued using drugs, became an addict and was a bad father. I wasn't around my children for a long time. I was too self-involved in getting high trying to kill the memories of being abused. I was in and out of relationships; I couldn't handle them. I was 34 when I reached out to the Philadelphia district attorney to tell them of the abuse. I didn't keep quiet when I came forward — I was very public. I want people to know what the Catholic Church did to me. I was no longer scared in being the public," said Delaney.

Reporters have tracked Brzyski down, his last known location being in Texas.

Even though he admitted to his superiors that he was a pedophile in the Philadelphia grand jury report, the church saw fit to ask him to stay in ministry. The report alleged how Brzyski subjected Delaney and at least 16 other boys to "unrelenting abuse, including fondling, oral sex and anal rape" in the late 1970s and early '80s.

"They transferred him without saying anything to the new parish. They sent him knowing he had been accused of molesting young boys," said Delaney.

He is currently fighting a law in the Pennsylvania Senate that limits the time for victims of sexual abuse to come forward. A bill that passed the House in April 2016 would have lengthened the statute of limitations so victims age 50 and under could sue the men or women who abused them decades ago as well as the institutions. Currently, victims of sexual assault over the age of 18 have 12 years to report sexual assault. Victims under the age of 18 who were born before Aug. 27, 2002, have 12 years after their 18th birthday to file criminal charges. Sexual assault victims under the age of 18 who were born after Aug. 27, 2002, have 32 years.



Rev. James J. Brzyski's last known location was in Texas. PROVIDED

Philly native John-Michael Delaney is sharing his story about abuse that he allegedly endured at the hands of a catholic priest. JOHN-MICHAEL DELANEY

"It takes victims sometimes decades to be able to talk about the abuse," said Delaney. "People need to call, write or email their representatives and congressmen and tell them to back this bill, get it passed and protect the children of Pennsylvania which has become a safe haven and sanctuary state for pedophiles."

An online petition has been started to extend the criminal and civil statutes of limitations on sex crimes committed against minor children in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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"To ensure discretion," according to SEPTA, the app automatically disables "flash" on smartphones when you take a photo of suspicious activity. Riders can indicate their location when they send in the report, and they can choose to remain anonymous if they so desire.

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SAM NEWHOUSE

There is no such thing as the 'alt-left,' say experts

In defending neo-Nazis, President Trump mentioned an opposition group that doesn't exist.

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President Trump might do well to take a page from "Mean Girls": Stop trying to make "alt-left" happen. It's not going to happen.

During Tuesday's press conference in which Trump defended the white supremacists at Charlottesville, one of his arguments was that the "alt-left" exhibited physical violence upon the neo-Nazis during their rally.

"Okay, what about the alt-left," he mused in response to a question about the culpability of self-described "alt-right" groups in the domestic-terror attack. "What about the alt-left that came charging at the, as you say, the alt right? Do they have any semblance of guilt?"

The short answer would be no, because "they" don't exist.

Experts who study extremist groups say there is no such thing as the "alt-left," The New York Times reported. Mark Pitcavage, an analyst at the Anti-Defamation League, said the term was invented to create a false equivalence between the far right and "anything vaguely left-seeming that they didn't like."

"It did not arise organically, and it refers to no actual group or movement or network," Pitcavage told the Times. "It's just a made-up epithet, similar to certain people calling any news they don't like 'fake news.'"

The president attracted bipartisan condemnation for his initial remarks on the Charlottesville tragedy last Saturday, in which 32-year-old Heather Heyer was killed by a car rammed into a crowd of counterprotestors by a neo-Nazi. Trump said there was blame "on many sides" and failed to call out white supremacists and their organizations by name.

After a widespread uproar, Trump gave more specifically critical remarks on Monday. On Tuesday, he reverted to his both-sides argument and went even further, defending the neo-Nazis by saying some of them were "very fine people" and criticizing counterprotesters who physically intervened against them.

There is no equivalence between the acts of the two groups, experts in extremism say. Far-left protests that involve street brawls and property damage, while reprehensible, are "not domestic terrorism," J.J. MacNab, a fellow in the Program on Extremism at George Washington University, told the New York Times.

President Trump blamed the so-called "alt-left" for some of the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia. GETTY IMAGES

NORTHEAST PHILLY

Man who allegedly urinated on synagogue doors charged with ethnic intimidation

A man who, law enforcement officials believe, was spotted on surveillance footage urinating on the front steps of a Northeast Philadelphia synagogue before flipping off the camera that caught the lewd act has turned himself into police.

According to police, Sheidali Dzhalilov, 23, of the 2100 block of Hoffnagle Street, in the city's Rhawnhurst neighborhood, turned himself in to Northeast Detectives on Tuesday, at around 7 p.m.

Police said that Dzhalilov has been charged with ethnic intimidation, indecent exposure, institutional vandalism, desecration of objects, open lewdness, harassment, and disorderly conduct.

Law enforcement officials believe that Dzhalilov is the individual who was caught on camera at on Sunday, Aug. 15, urinating in front of the doors of Congregation Beth Solomon located at 198 Tomlinson Road.

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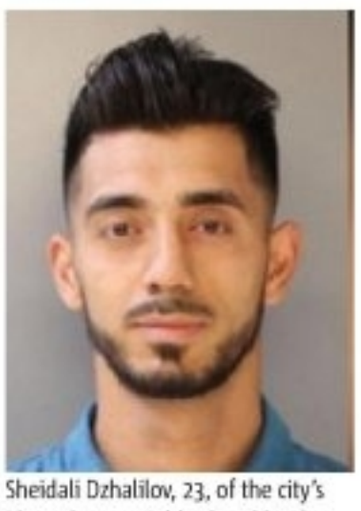

Sheidali Dzhalilov, 23, of the city's Rhawnhurst neighborhood has been charged with ethnic intimidation and related offenses. PROVIDED

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WHITE COLLAR CRIME

Seven charged in US insider trading ring

U.S. authorities on Wednesday announced insider trading charges accusing seven people of generating more than $5 million of profit based on tips from a Bank of America Corp employee about dozens of pending corporate transactions.

Daniel Rivas, who was the alleged tipper and later worked at Royal Bank of Canada, and James Moodhe, the father of Rivas' girlfriend, both pleaded guilty to charges of fraud, conspiracy, and making false statements to Federal Bureau of Investigation agents.

The other five defendants were arrested separately on Wednesday, and charged in a 54-count indictment. All seven defendants face related U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission civil charges.

Prosecutors said Rivas, who worked in Bank of America's capital markets technology group, leaked material nonpublic information about potential mergers, acquisitions and tender offers involving clients and prospective clients more than 50 times to co-conspirators, who then traded on the tips.

The trading occurred in three overlapping schemes between August 2014 and April 2017, involving transactions such as the takeovers of St. Jude Medical Inc by Abbott Laboratories and Monsanto Co. by Bayer AG, authorities said. Thirty transactions were involved, the SEC said.

Rivas, 32, of Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, was fired by Bank of America in April, and has now been suspended by RBC, according to representatives for the respective banks.

RBC has "a zero-tolerance approach to infractions of the law or of our code of conduct," spokeswoman Sanam Heidary said in an email.

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Analysis

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously."

When he was campaigning, Donald Trump constantly bragged about the power of his business contacts – about how he could bring the biggest names in corporate America to his side to spur the economy and promote jobs. "You need people that are truly, truly capable," he said.

Now, he can't even keep them in the room.

His handling of the terrible events in Virginia has come under withering fire. Many see tacit support for racism in his response. Others see, at best, a clumsy attempt at equivalency between white nationalists and counterprotesters. Either way, his business buddies are fleeing fast.

The president had set up two advisory councils filled with movers and shakers, including the big bosses of Merck, Under Armour, General Motors, Johnson & Johnson, PepsiCo and many more massive companies. When the first few members started bailing out after the uproar over Charlottesville, he initially said he could easily replace them. But the defections grew so rapidly, he soon tweeted, "Rather than putting pressure on the businesspeople in the Manufacturing Council & Strategy & Policy Forum, I am ending both."

However, members of his Strategic and Policy Forum had their own message, suggesting their group was dissolving in part on its own volition. "Intolerance, racism and violence have absolutely no place in this country and are an affront to core American values," they wrote. "We believe the debate over Forum participation has become a distraction …"

In other words, they were facing tough questions from their own boards, their employees and the public about why they were still standing so close to the president amid this firestorm — and they moved away.

Whether you are a fan of this president or not, these are the facts as we know them right now: He is struggling mightily to pass any significant legislation. His approval rating remains dreadful. He has alienated an increasing number of members of Congress in his own party. And now his gold-plated claim to influence in the business world appears badly tarnished.

And all of that is raising a tough question: Even if Trump can figure out a plan to get his presidency back onto a positive track — who will help him?

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Protesters wielded torches and chanted Nazi phrases at a rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Saturday.
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Philly pol proposes 'Heather Heyer Act'

State Sen. Art Haywood wants new laws against domestic terrorism to honor the Virginia woman killed in Charlottesville.

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In the wake of nationwide outrage over white nationalists' demonstrations in Charlottesville, Virginia, a Philly politician is calling for a "Heather Heyer Act" to help crack down on acts of domestic terrorism.

The act, intended to update the state's terrorism law, would serve to protect state residents from "neo-Nazi, white supremacist assaults that we see going on around the nation," state Sen. Art Haywood (D-4th District) said Monday.

"Currently, our laws do not fully address domestic terrorism and do not go far enough in dissuading and punishing those who conspire to or act on those inclinations," Haywood continued.

The legislation will address his "concerns with the statute of limitations, conspiracy, fine limits and degree of criminality" faced by individuals who participate in events such as those seen in Charlottesville.

Currently, Pennsylvania is home to numerous hate groups, including the white supremacist Keystone State Skinheads, neo-Nazi National Socialist Movement and white nationalist groups like Vanguard and the Traditional Workers Party, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Haywood said he is looking to rally bipartisan support to pass such legislation, but the process may take months.

"Domestic terrorism is what we saw in Virginia. Ms. Heyer's murder was meant to advance the white supremacist agenda in America and to intimidate those citizens who stand against it," Haywood said in a statement. "We must deter these despicable actions now with strong legislation so that perpetrators and collaborators know that they will be held accountable and punished severely for any act of domestic terrorism."

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Footage released of unsolved Logan murder

Philadelphia police have released a stunning video of a man being shot down and killed on a sidewalk in a brazen daylight shooting from earlier this year.

According to police, this incident occurred on March 19, at about 7:35 p.m., when two men — the police did not identify the victim or the man he is seen with in this footage — walked along the 1900 block of Roberts Avenue at Green Street, just about a block away from Roosevelt Boulevard, when a masked man runs from around the corner.

In the video, the murderer can be seen raising his hands at the victim. Police said that the killer — described as a black male in his late teens, early 20s, standing about 5-foot-4 to 5-foot-6, with a thin build and wearing dark colored clothing with a mask and hooded jacket at the time — fired several shots into the victim, striking the deceased numerous times.

In the footage, the shooter appears to fire until the man falls, and then the killer stands over his victim, firing several more shots into him.

After the shooting, law enforcement officials said the shooter fled the scene of the crime in a silver minivan headed north on Green Street.

Shortly after the shooting, the unidentified victim was pronounced dead after being taken to a nearby hospital, police said.

The full video can be seen online at Metro.us. Anyone who may have information on this incident is asked to contact the Philadelphia Police Homicide Division at 215-686-3334.

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Donald Trump has received bipartisan criticism for his recent comments on the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia. GETTY IMAGES

Will President Trump be impeached for siding with the neo-Nazis?

Not until he loses the support of this demographic. Here's how it could happen.

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President Trump has attracted intense criticism for his handling of the domestic terror attack last Saturday in Charlottesville, Virginia, when a neo-Nazi rammed a car into a crowd protesting a white-supremacist rally, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer.

The president's response was slow and vague, many said: On Saturday, he laid blame on "many sides." Only after intense political pressure did Trump condemn white-supremacist groups by name, two days after the tragedy.

On Tuesday, he reverted to his "many sides" argument, seemingly defending the racist hate groups. He said there were "many fine people" on that side in attendance in Charlottesville, and asked why the "alt-left" hadn't attracted blame for the altercations.

The president's remarks drew bipartisan condemnation, with Sens. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Cory Gardner (R-CO) and Marco Rubio (R-FL) criticizing Trump by name. "The #WhiteSupremacy groups will see being assigned only 50 percent of blame as a win. We can not allow this old evil to be resurrected," tweeted Rubio after doing so.

Will he be impeached?

Some Democrats had previously called for Trump's impeachment over the mushrooming Russia investigation, and those calls have grown after Charlottesville. On Monday, Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI), tweeted, "My Republican friends, I implore you to work w/ us within our capacity as elected officials to remove @realDonaldTrump as #POTUS. #Impeach45"

"POTUS is showing signs of erratic behavior and mental instability that place the country in grave danger," tweeted Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA). "Time to invoke the 25th Amendment."

What are the odds that the president will be impeached? Not likely, says Vanity Fair.

The 25th Amendment would require Trump's Cabinet to give him a vote of no confidence, thus installing Vice President Mike Pence. Not only is that unprecedented, Trump's cabinet shows signs of sticking with him so far. No resignations have been tendered, despite calls for them by Republicans like MSNBC's Nicolle Wallace, a former communications director for President George W. Bush. Today, economic adviser Gary Cohn, who is Jewish, said that he would stay.

The president's impeachment odds come down to political calculus: As long as Trump's Republican base is loyal, he seems to be safe. Although the president's approval ratings are historically low nationwide — around 34 percent after Charlottesville — they are still high among Republicans: Almost 79 percent, even though that number has fallen 6 points in a week. Analysts say that's why Republican politicians have been slow to criticize the president, much less break with him.

That will only change if the base erodes significantly. "For every vote you lose on a Republican right now, you don't gain it with an independent," a Republican strategist told Vanity Fair in June. "If that changes and he's not as popular among Republicans, and you do get some benefit — you get more benefit out of going to the middle than you do being with the president, then that's when you would see the wheels start to come off."

And the effect of Charlottesville on the base has yet to be fully seen. Said Business Insider's Josh Barro: "There is a large portion of Trump's white voter base that's really offended by the idea they are associated with white nationalists or overt racists—even if, at the same time, appeals to white resentment are a part of what draws them to Trump."

This week's polling will provide a clearer picture of where the momentum lies.

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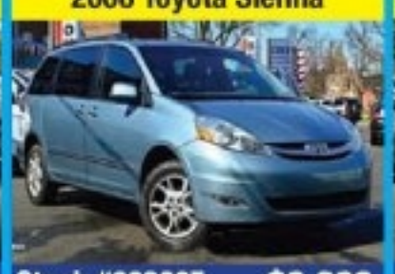

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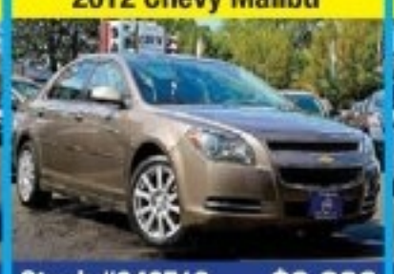

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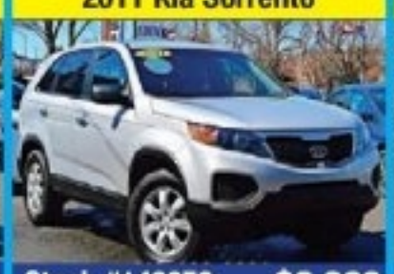

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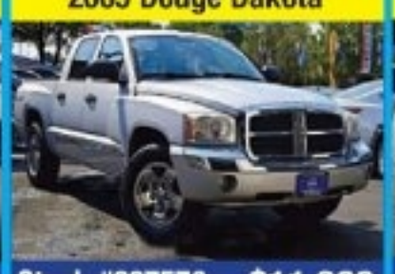

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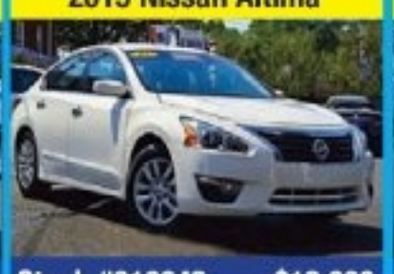

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President Trump scared to fire Steve Bannon: Report

Even the Fox News CEO wants him gone. But the president keeps hanging on.

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President Trump is afraid of his senior adviser Steve Bannon and is scared to fire him for fear of losing ground with his white-nationalist base, reports say.

With the arrival of Gen. John Kelly as Trump's chief of staff, it was rumored that Bannon would be removed. Rupert Murdoch of Fox News has repeatedly advised Trump to dump Bannon. Moderate Republicans are urging the same. And Bannon started the week looking like a goner. A Tuesday report by CBS News, citing high-placed White House sources, claimed he could be fired as soon as the end of this week.

But Trump has hesitated.

"The president obviously is very nervous and afraid of firing him," a White House insider told Reuters. Bannon, former executive chairman of the far-right Breitbart News, was instrumental in getting Trump elected by bringing the site's significant audience of white nationalists aboard. As the president's overall approval rating drops, he's reticent to alienate his base of hard-right supporters.

Reuters reports that Bannon has become embroiled in a feud with national security adviser H.R. McMaster, who has accused Bannon of planting negative stories about him in Breitbart.

That, the racially motivated killing in Charlottesville, and the president's calamitous reaction to it, does not make Bannon's job security any easier to read. The president could fire him to answer allegations that white nationalism has taken hold in the Oval Office, or — as Monday's press conference showed — he could double down.

Steve Bannon is considered to be one of the president's most influential advisers. GETTY IMAGES

What is clear is that Gen. Kelly's arrival has not gone according to plan. Instead of instilling discipline in the president, Kelly has seen the most chaotic and damaging week of Trump's term, from his aggression toward North Korea to the disastrous press conference about Charlottesville, in which Trump claimed a moral equivalence between neo-Nazis and the anti-racism protesters who opposed them.

VENEZUELA

Police believe thieves steal Venezuela zoo animals to eat them

Venezuela authorities are investigating the theft of animals from a zoo in the western state of Zulia that were likely snatched to be eaten, a further sign of hunger in a country struggling with chronic food shortages.

A police official said two collared peccaries, which are similar in appearance to boars, were stolen over the weekend from the Zulia Metropolitan Zoological Park in the sweltering city of Maracaibo near the Colombian border.

"What we presume is that they [were taken] with the intention of eating them," Luis Morales, an official for the Zulia division of the National Police, told reporters on Tuesday.

The chaotic collapse of the country's socialist economic model has created chronic food shortages that have fueled malnutrition and left millions seeking food anywhere they can find it, including in trash cans and dumpsters.

President Nicolas Maduro blames food shortages on opposition protests that have blocked streets and highways and a broader "economic war" led by adversaries with the help of Washington.

But zoo head Leonardo Nunez said a wave of thefts that in recent weeks had affected 10 species including a buffalo, which he said was cut into pieces, was orchestrated by "drug dealers" seeking to sell the animals.

"They take everything here! The animals weren't stolen to be eaten," Nunez said in an interview on Wednesday.

Mauricio Castillo, a former zoo director, said thieves had made off with two tapirs, a jungle animal that is also similar to a pig that is described as vulnerable to extinction by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Shortages have also left zoos without sufficient food to feed animals, with some 50 animals starving to death last year at Caracas zoos, according to a union leader.

The government denied the animals had starved, insisting they had been treated "like family." REUTERS

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White House to GOP: Charlottesville response was 'entirely correct'

Trump again placed blame for the violence on "all sides."

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The White House sent out a list of talking points for Capitol Hill Republicans in the aftermath of a Trump press conference Tuesday in which the president again said "both sides" were to blame for the violence at the white nationalist protests in Charlottesville, Virginia, last weekend.

The memo came hours after Trump appeared to draw a moral equivalency between racist demonstrators and counterprotesters and urged Republicans to say Trump was "entirely correct" in spreading the blame for the deadly Charlottesville protests, according to reports by CNN and CBS.

Trump's off-the-cuff comments in the news conference at Trump Tower, including his insistence that "both sides" were responsible for the violence and claimed the so-called "alt-left" came "charging with clubs in their hands," earned explosive criticism Tuesday.

The White House memo attempted to dial back Trump's rhetoric, saying he was instead preaching equality under the law.

But if it's equal treatment the White House was trying to project, they appeared to be leaning slightly to the right. The memo cited violent events carried out by far-left "extremists" like the Dallas sniper that killed five officers at a Black Lives Matter protest in 2016 and a shooting at a congressional baseball team practice where a Bernie Sanders supporter targeted GOP members of Congress. The memo didn't include any acts of violence on the far-right side.

Here are just some of the talking points listed in the memo, as published by CNN:

- The president was entirely correct — both sides of the violence in Charlottesville acted inappropriately, and bear some responsibility.
- Despite the criticism, the president reaffirmed some of our most important founding principles: We are equal in the eyes of our Creator, equal under the law, and equal under our Constitution.
- He has been a voice for unity and calm, encouraging the country to "rediscover the bonds of love and loyalty that brings us together as Americans."
- He called for the end of violence on all sides so that no more innocent lives would be lost. The president condemned the hate groups fueled by bigotry and racism over the weekend, and did so by name yesterday, but for the media that will never be enough.
- The media reacted with hysteria to the notion that counterprotesters showed up with clubs spoiling for a fight, a fact that reporters on the ground have stated.
- Even a New York Times reporter tweeted that she "saw club-wielding 'Antifa' beating white nationalists being led out of the park."
- The local ACLU chapter also tweeted: "Not sure who provoked first. Both sides were hitting each other at Justice Park before police arrived."
- We should not overlook the facts just because the media finds them inconvenient.
- From cop killing and violence at political rallies to shooting at congressmen at a practice baseball game, extremists on the left have engaged in terrible acts of violence.
- The president is taking swift action to hold violent hate groups accountable.

President Trump has worked to keep the support of his base after his much-criticized response to the violence in Charlottesville. GETTY IMAGES

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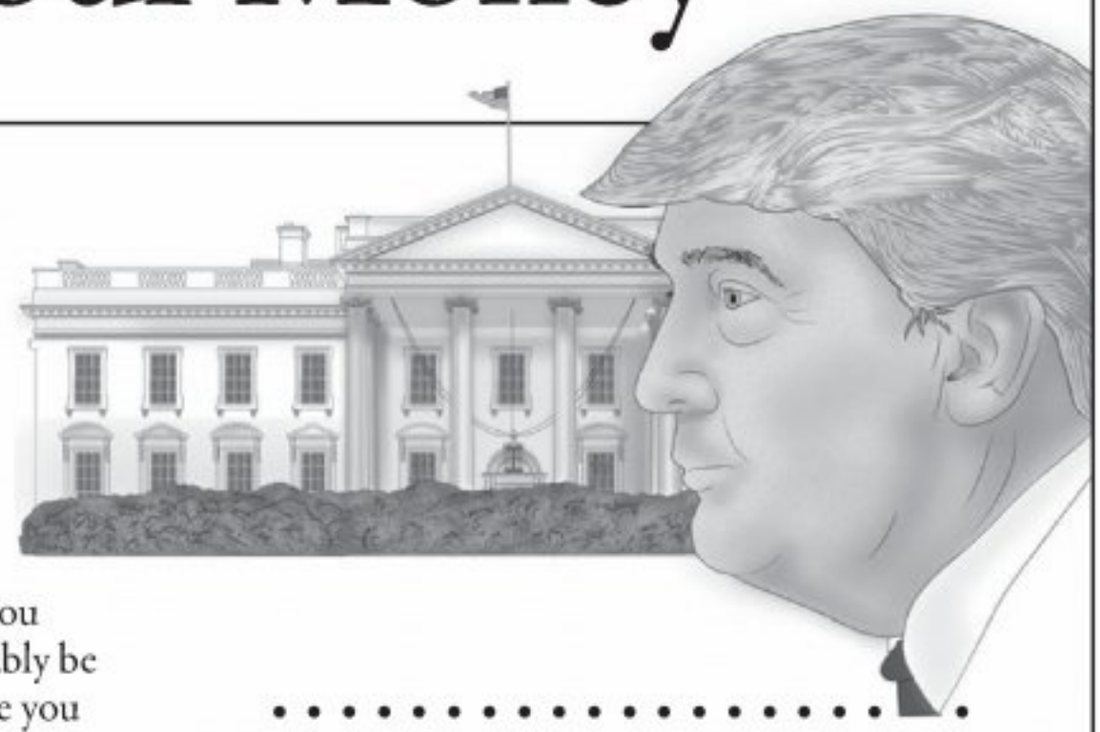

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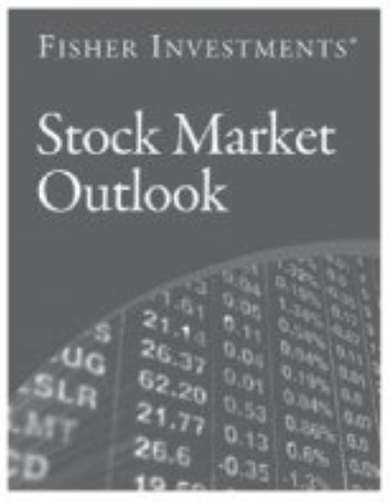

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Someone edited the list of Confederate presidents on Wikipedia to include Trump

The edit has since been taken down.

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President Donald Trump can add "Confederate president" to the résumé — the 45th president of the United States of America was also listed, albeit briefly, on a Wikipedia page displaying the "President of the Confederate States of America."

The addition of Trump alongside Confederate President Jefferson Davis on Tuesday was taken down pretty quickly, but as with most things on the internet, it can't really be erased either.

A screenshot of the edit posted on Twitter shows a portrait of Trump below Davis, the Confederacy's only president, who served from 1861 to 1865. Trump took over on Aug. 15, according to the entry, following the "Confederate States Accidental Election 2017." Mike Pence is listed as his vice president.

Trump was added to the list of Confederate presidents following a heated press conference Tuesday afternoon in which he again flip-flopped in his condemnation of neo-Nazi and white supremacist demonstrators who incited violence at protests in Charlottesville, Virginia, last weekend.

When a woman died in a white-supremacist terror attack at a Saturday protest, Trump blamed "hatred, bigotry, and violence … on many sides."

On Monday he clarified those statements, condemning right-wing hate groups like the KKK, neo-Nazis and white supremacists by name.

But when pressed again by reporters Tuesday, Trump again spread the blame around, essentially saying the so-called "alt-right" and "alt-left" were equally to blame.

He said the Unite the Right protesters were in Charlottesville to oppose the removal of a statue of Confederate general and famed slave-owner Robert E. Lee.

Imagery of the white nationalist protesters wielding torches and waving flags with Nazi symbolism filled the airwaves.

"You had some very bad people in that group. But you also had some very fine people," Trump said.

In turn, he also called the left "very, very violent."

"Many of those people were there to protest the taking down of the statue of Robert E. Lee," Trump said. "This week, it is Robert E. Lee and this week, Stonewall Jackson. Is it George Washington next? You have to ask yourself, where does it stop?" he said

Pretty much anybody can become a Wikipedia editor, but the Trump's addition to the "President of the Confederate States of America" was short-lived once word of the edit started spreading on social media.

His tenure as a Confederate president, however, will live on in Twitter infamy.

List of presidents [edit]

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№	Portrait	President	State	Term of office	Party	Term	Previous office
2		**Donald J. Trump** June 3, 1808 – December 6, 1889 (Aged 71)	New York	August 15, 2017 [n 1] – Unknown	Republican	1 (Confederate States Accidental Election, 2017")	Never Served in Public Office from Nowhere (N/A)

Trump made it onto a lonely list of presidents of the Confederate States of America. TWITTER

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Apple will spend $1 billion to create next 'Game of Thrones'

Should HBO be watching its back?

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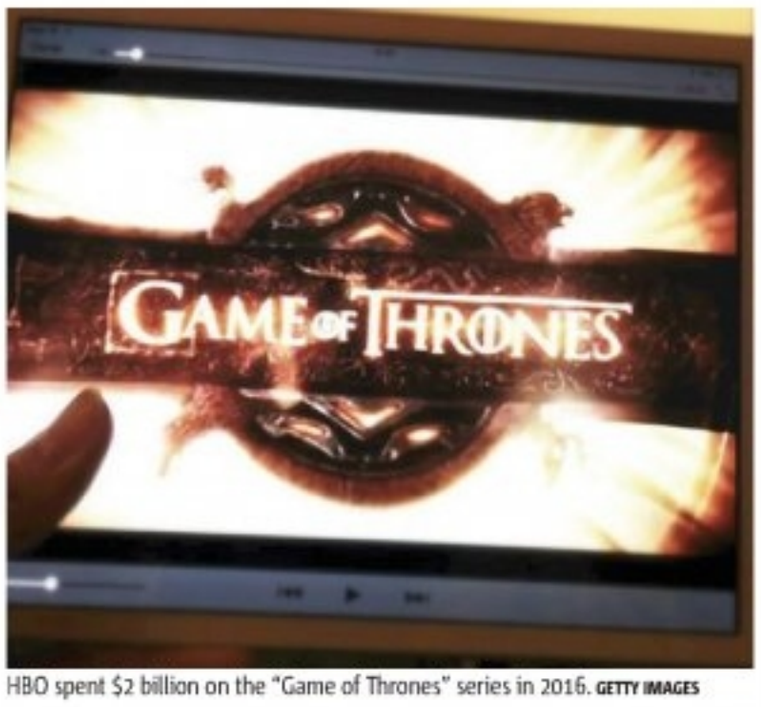
Over the years every new Apple launch has repeatedly proven that the company doesn't do things by halves. They're clearly taking that same approach with their new venture into television, too. Not only has it been announced that Apple is preparing to spend $1 billion on original content, but they're also aiming to create the next "Game of Thrones."

The Wall Street Journal reported that Apple already has $1 billion primed to invest on "original content." To put that into context, HBO spent $2 billion on their original series in 2016, so it's a huge sign of intention from Apple.

Apple has been very busy hiring the necessary behind-the-scenes team to rival the likes of Netflix, Amazon and the long-established television networks. Back in June, Jamie Erlicht and Zack Van Amburg were brought in, both of whom are former presidents of television over at Sony.

Erlicht and Van Amburg have wasted no time in outlining Apple's ambition and muscle, immediately meeting with a cavalcade of Hollywood talent over the last few weeks as they look to buy up new scripts and develop ideas. No doubt they have been ordered on this trek by Apple Senior Vice President Eddy Cue, who has made it clear that he wants Apple to be the home to the next "Game of Thrones."

Of course, finding such a show is easier said than done. Netflix previously believed that they'd found it in "Marco Polo," only for the show to be canceled after just two seasons at a cost of $200 million for the streaming website.



HBO spent $2 billion on the "Game of Thrones" series in 2016. GETTY IMAGES

Apple has yet to actually confirm whether it has a TV streaming service planned. Their only two creations so far, "Planet of the Apps" and "Carpool Karaoke: The Series," have just been released to Apple Music subscribers. But considering the amount of money they're about to dole out, and its obvious ambitions, that's surely a formality at this point.

MoviePass's new package allows people to watch one movie per day in a theater, all for under $10 per month. UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Movie tickets are about to get a lot cheaper

Financially stricken film fans no longer need to contemplate selling a kidney to meet movie ticket prices, because MoviePass has announced a new deal that allows its subscribers to see up to 31 movies a month for just $9.95.

There are a few caveats to this subscription, though, as it doesn't include going to 3-D or IMAX screenings. However, the fact that it will work at 91 percent of the cinemas in the United States should help cover those oversights. If you decide to purchase a MoviePass you will be able to use it at your nearest Cinemark, AMC and Regal, as well as numerous independent chains across the country.

MoviePass CEO Mitch Lowe is confident that this new deal will help to bring audiences flocking back to cinemas. The company's analysis and studying has found that moviegoers' main gripe with going to the cinema is the surge in ticket prices, rather than the rise of Netflix, which has meant that the hassle of going to the multiplex just can't compete the ease of watching a film at home. GREGORY WAKEMAN

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Now Google can tell you when your allergies are going to be torture

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If you're constantly checking the pollen count because you suffer from seasonal allergies, then this new Google feature is for you.

The tech giant has teamed up with The Weather Channel to include the pollen index, giving users the ability to search for up-to-date information about the pollen levels and other forecast data.

When the Google feature becomes available, you'll be able to search for allergy or pollen information on your mobile device when you use Google. It will provide you with basic pollen index information in advance that could help get you through the day — as in, it will tell you when you can't afford to leave home without packing a bottle of Benadryl. It will also let you know the pollen levels for the following five days just like the weather forecast.

According to Google, when the pollen count is very high in your area, you can set up a Google alert on your mobile device to be notified in advance so you'll know when you'll need to take an extra dosage of allergy medication.

While this nifty feature from Google may not be the answer to solve bigger issues happening in the world, it can be helpful for those suffering from daily allergies and could make coping with them a little bit easier.

What is pollen?

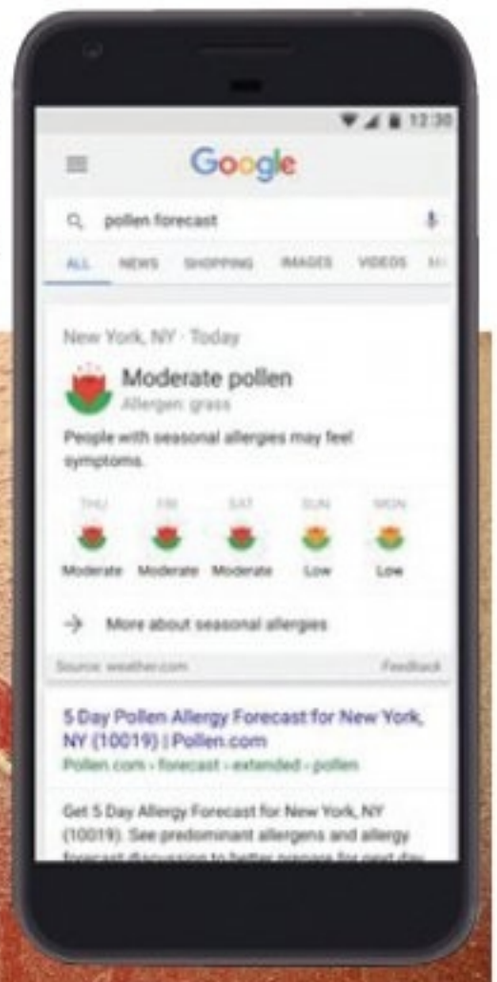
Pollen is a fine powdery substance made from microscopic grains produced by male plants.

Pollen is usually yellowish in color, but can also be red, purple, white and brown. Pollen can be easily blown by the wind and can cause hay fever.

What is the pollen count?

The pollen count is a measurement of the amount of pollen found in a cubic meter of air. The higher the number, the more pollen found in the air.

One out of five Americans suffer from allergy symptoms caused by a hypersensitivity to pollen. Some of the symptoms include sneezing, coughing, runny nose, red, watery and itchy eyes. Those who suffer from pollen allergies know each day can be miserable if the pollen count is high and medication is not taken.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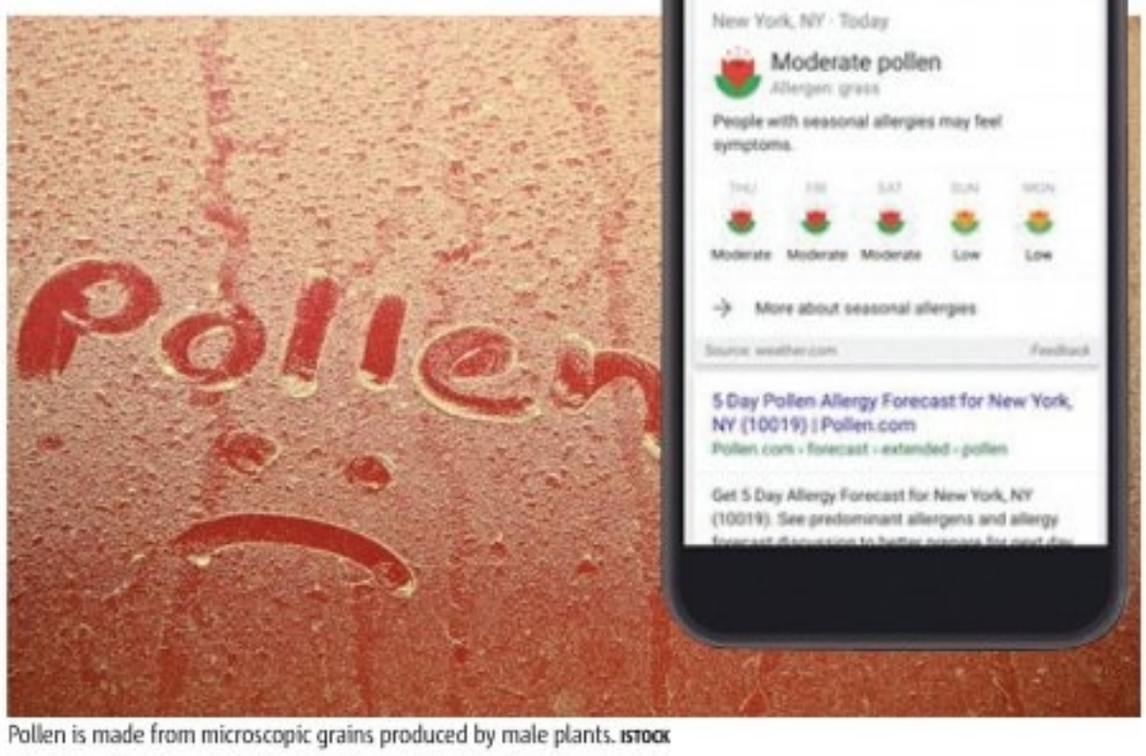

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Jeff Bridges on the mystery of life and the zen of SoulCycle

Callum Turner and Jeff Bridges in "The Only Living Boy in New York." NIKO TAVERNISE / AMAZON STUDIOS / ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

"The Dude" gets all philosophical, man, while talking about his new movie.

MATT JUUL

If you thought your family was dysfunctional, wait until you meet the characters of Jeff Bridges' new drama "The Only Living Boy in New York."

Directed by Marc Webb, the film centers around a college graduate named Thomas (Callum Turner) who finds out that his father, a successful New York publisher played by Pierce Brosnan, is cheating on his mother with a younger woman (Kate Beckinsale). Things get complicated as Turner's character decides to break up his dad's affair by sleeping with his mistress. Meanwhile, Bridges plays Thomas' whiskey-loving neighbor who ultimately ends up mentoring him through the tricky situation, but who also has his own mysterious agenda.

We chatted with the 67-year-old Oscar winner about the film and he didn't hesitate to break out his "Dude" side for a very zen conversation on the soul of New York, the mystery of life and more.

Having lived in New York back in the day, do you agree with the assessment made by Callum Turner's character, that New York City has lost its soul to the rise of Starbucks and SoulCycle?

What is that term you used, SoulCycle? What is that, a cycling place?

Yeah, it's a popular cycling gym.

Souls and other things go through cycles. This is just another cycle that will spawn a more creative, artistic one. But us human beings, we don't like change. We resist it — I know I do. We get nostalgic for things. But it ain't what it used to be.

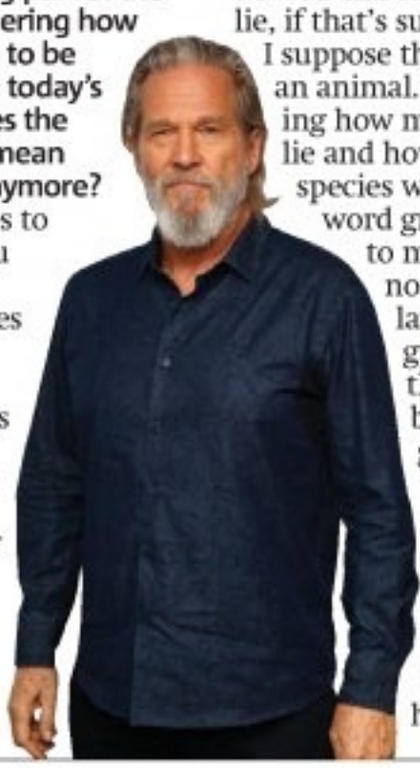
What's the film's message then? Is it better to go with the flow?

We're part of the flow as well. We have something to do with what's happening. I don't know if there's really a message. I think it's maybe the appreciation of life, the mystery of life. That's kind of how life is. You think you got it figured out, but it's got many other layers to it. And just to be sensitive to that and ask yourself, "What's your role in the way it all flows?" You don't like the way your town is looking, what are you going to do about? You can supply the soul that you feel that your city is lacking.

The film revolves a round a dysfunctional family of art lovers. Can you be a great artist without messing up your family life?

Art surfaces in all kinds of different families at all different levels of disruption and that sort of thing. I don't think you have to suffer terribly to be an artist. Life supplies us all with a dose of suffering all through our lives. No, I think art blooms in all sorts of situations.

Lies are a big part of the film. Considering how lying seems to be the norm in today's politics, does the truth even mean anything anymore?



What comes to mind as you ask that question, lies imply the truth, and the truth, as far as I can tell, is such a subjective kind of thing. Our goals for telling our version of the truth and why we lie, sometimes we'll think our lying is for the common good — and often it can be. You can tell an ethical lie, if that's such a thing. I suppose there's such an animal. Considering how much we do lie and how fallible a species we are, the word grace comes to mind. I'm not a particularly religious guy, but there must be some grace going down that has allowed us to hang out on the planet as long as we have.

Who are Marvel's new 'Defenders'?

Breaking down each member of the Netflix miniseries' superhero crew. **MATT JUUL**

Spider-Man and Thor aren't the only heroes representing Marvel in 2017, as Netflix is set to bring the crime-fighting prowess of Daredevil, Jessica Jones, Luke Cage and Iron Fist to the small screen with "The Defenders" miniseries.

While the comic book version of the team originally consisted of mystical and super-powered characters like Doctor Strange and the Hulk, the latest incarnation of the superhero crew is a bit more down to earth. Sure, the group still features a blind ninja and a bulletproof ex-con, but that's a bit more believable than a wizard who can stop time or a giant green monster with an attitude problem.

In honor of the show dropping on Netflix this Friday, August 18, we break down the background of each hero on the team so you have all the info you need to watch "The Defenders."

The gang's all here.
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Daredevil

By day, Matt Murdock (Charlie Cox) is a hard-working lawyer who helps out the citizens of Hell's Kitchen. But by night, he transforms into the rooftop-jumping vigilante known as Daredevil.

Despite being blinded as a kid, Murdock was able to hone the rest of his senses, as well as his fighting abilities, under the tutelage of Stick, a blind sensei and leader of the Chaste ninja clan. Daredevil's mentor taught him all the skills he needed to take on the nefarious Hand organization, which is the evil running amok around New York City in Netflix's interconnected Marvel shows.

Jessica Jones

The only thing Jessica Jones (Krysten Ritter) likes more than roughing up some bad guys is kicking back a bottle of whiskey.

The hard-drinking, foul-mouthed private investigator isn't somebody you'd want to mess with, especially considering the fact that she has powers ranging from super strength to limited flying abilities. Like many superheroes, Jones also has a tragic backstory, having survived a car crash that killed her family, which eventually leads her down a path of guilt and self-doubt.

Don't expect her to play nice with the rest of the Defenders.

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Luke Cage

The hero of Harlem is back in "The Defenders" and he's ready for a fight.

During season one of "Luke Cage" we learned that the super strong, bulletproof protector gained his powers from a painful military experiment conducted in prison. Despite being a convict on the run, Cage couldn't help but use his newfound abilities to protect his neighborhood from evildoers once he got out of jail.

After his solo show's finale saw Cage get sent back to prison following his battle in the streets with the devilish Diamondback, the hero will once again be a free man when "The Defenders" rolls around. Hopefully his antics with Daredevil and the gang won't lead to another orange jumpsuit.

Iron Fist

A little bit like Batman — sans the Batcave and utility belt — Danny Rand (Finn Jones) is an expert in numerous hand-to-hand fighting techniques, who's on the hunt for the Hand as the immortal Iron Fist.

As a child, Rand somehow survived a plane crash in the Himalayas that ended up killing his parents, the billionaire owners of Rand Enterprises. Luckily, he was discovered by a group of mystic monks who taught him how to become a living weapon with a glowing fist.

Iron Fist's job is to seek out and destroy the Hand, but he sort of messes all that up in season one of his solo series. The kung fu master will need a lot of help from the rest of the Defenders when they finally go head-to-head with the evil organization.

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South Park turns 20 – here are its

From "Scott Tenorman" to "Trapped in the Closet."

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The chilli Scott Tenorman gets tricked into eating is just awful.

George Lucas, Stephen Spielberg and Indiana Jones appear in "The China Problem."
ALL PHOTOS COMEDY CENTRAL

On Aug. 13, 1997, television history was made when South Park aired its very first episode. Of course, nobody knew it at the time. Instead, they just thought that they were watching an expletive-heavy and particularly vulgar 22 minutes of television titled "Cartman Gets an Anal Probe."

It was panned by critics, who compared it unfavorably to "The Simpsons" and "Beavis And Butt-Head." But by the end of its first season, "South Park" had become a cultural phenomenon across the world, while still remaining proudly shocking and controversial.

In the past 20 years, "South Park" has increasingly extreme, and in the process pushed television to both new heights — and lows. To celebrate its 20th anniversary, we here at Metro have decided to count down its most-shocking moments, which you can devour below.

"Make Love Not Warcraft"
While South Park has had no problem creating entire episodes that can offend in a number of layered ways, it can also leave viewers aghast in a single moment. One of the most glaring examples of this came in "Make Love Not Warcraft" when, unwilling to move out of his chair amidst a "Warcraft" binge, Cartman demands that his mom, Liane, holds a bedpan underneath him so that he can defecate. She does just that, but Cartman's bowel movement is so wild that it goes all over her. It's — unsuprisingly — vomit-inducing.

"Woodland Critter Christmas"
Matt Stone and Trey Parker's homage to Christmas specials and their rhyming narration is deliciously "South Park." While the sight of Stan discovering a group of talking animals building a Christmas tree is beautiful to see, things soon get out of hand. A porcupine gives birth to the Antichrist, and it turns out the critters are all Satan worshippers. Soon after, we see a rabbit being dismembered, an orgy in his remains and an abortion on Kyle by three lion cubs.

"The China Problem"
While the episode's main plot of Cartman trying to avert a suspected Chinese invasion isn't too offensive, the sight of George Lucas and Steven Spielberg raping Indiana Jones on three occasions is. Each rape scene is a tribute to scenes of a similar ilk from movie history, as they copy "Deliverance," "The Accused" and "Boys Don't Cry." George Lucas is also then shown raping a Stormtrooper — which was a roundabout way of saying that Parker and Stone really didn't like "Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull" and the "Star Wars" prequels.

"Hell on Earth 2006"
Probably the closest South Park has ever come to taking it too far. During Satan's huge

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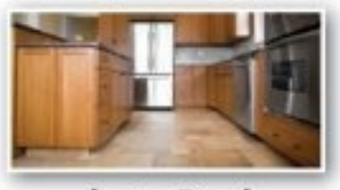

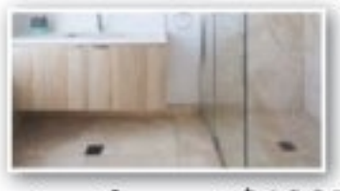

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most shocking moments

Halloween costume party in hell, one of the guests is shown to be Steve Irwin, who has a stingray hanging out of his chest. After some of the guests complain that the costume is offending them, Satan confronts a person he assumes is Irwin in costume, only to learn that it is actually the Crocodile Hunter, who died from a stingray attack. Satan then kicks him out of the party for not being in costume — all of which unfolded just two months after Irwin's death.

"Scott Tenorman Must Die"
This is the moment that Eric Cartman turned into a bona-fide sociopath, and one of the most evil characters on television. Intent on gaining revenge on Scott Tenorman after being tricked into thinking you can reach puberty by buying pubic hair, Eric Cartman tricks Scott into eating his parents in a chili. Cartman invites Scott's parents to a farm run by Mr. Denkins and shoots and kills them because Cartman had previously told him that there were violent pony killers on the loose. Cartman steals the corpses, chops them up and puts them in Scott's chili. Then Radiohead suddenly appears, who then mock Scott for crying before Cartman then licks Scott's "tears of unfathomable sadness" from his face. Strong, strong stuff.

"Trapped in the Closet"
South Park has never pulled any punches when it comes to religion, and this episode's brutal takedown of Scientology is its most legendary. The episode's most famous moment is when the Scientology president tells Stan the story of Xenu, which is accompanied by the caption of, "This is what Scientologists actually believe." By the end, Stan labels Scientology as a "big fat global scam."

Cartman refuses to leave his chair in "Make Love Not Warcraft."

South Park labels Scientology a scam in "Trapped in the Closet."

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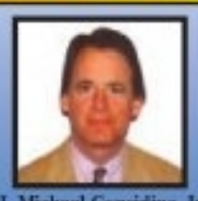

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Looking for killer fashion on a budget? Need furniture for your new apartment but short on cash? Philadelphia may not immediately come to mind when you think of thrift shopping, but our fair city is chock full of second-hand stores that are worth a visit. Here is a list of our top picks to get you started.

Philly AIDS Thrift
710 S. 5th St.
phillyaidsthrift.com
Philly AIDS Thrift in Queen Village has everything you could possibly dream of when it comes to thrifting — clothes, jackets, books, kitchenware, VHS tapes (remember those), electronics and even furniture. (We recently went there to jazz up our Diner en Blanc table with silverware and fancy wine glasses.) While you could exert some discipline in this place, the more you spend, the more you're helping local AIDS organizations, as a portion of profits is donated.

Circle Thrift
2233 Frankford Ave.
1125 S. Broad St.
circlethrift.com
Another local thrift shop with a charitable component is Circle Thrift, which donates a portion of profits to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). At both locations, you can find clothes, furniture, musical instruments, toys, records, books, videos and so much more.

Jinxed
1331 Frankford Ave.
1050 N. Hancock St.
1835 E. Passyunk Ave.
4521 W. Baltimore Ave.
jinxedphiladelphia.com
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post recent additions to their stock there first.

Raxx Vintage
832 South St.
facebook.com/raxxvintage
This South Street boutique specializes in vintage wear, so expect to pay a little more than you would at places like Circle Thrift and Philly AIDS Thrift. Their stock is expertly curated and organized too, so hunting for cool finds is a little easier. Scope out their Instagram for new additions to their stock. (They recently posted some snazzy 80s sweaters. Fall is closer than you think!)

Retrospect
508 South St.
retrospectvintage215.com
Another vintage boutique located on South St. is Retrospect and while you will pay a little more for merchandise, the collections of vintage clothing, shoes, jackets and more have already gone through a curation process. According to Visit Philly, designer Tory Burch once said about this place, "Philadelphia is great for vintage shopping. My favorite store is Retrospect. I can always find something unique, and it is relatively inexpensively priced."

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Aug. 17, 7 p.m.
Media Theatre
104 E. State St., Media
mediatheatre.org, $25

Growing Up Great

Soul singer Johnny Shortcake hosts this hour of kid-friendly shenanigans, giving kids a chance to sing, dance and act in the wide-open space of Commonwealth Plaza.
Aug. 19, 11 a.m.
Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts,
300 S. Broad St.
kimmelcenter.org, Free

Julius Caesar: A Live Radio Play

Kick back in the park and enjoy Philly-based company Revolution Shakespeare and Hear Again Radio Project's 65-minute production of the Shakespearean classic "Julius Caesar."
Aug. 19, 6:30 p.m.
The Oval
2451 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
theovalphl.org, Free

THEATER

Mystery Theater: Murder on the Air

This throwback mystery dinner invites guests to solve the 1931 murder mystery of J.B. Arden, a radio station owner found dead in a station also setup for murder mystery theater. Dinner includes minestrone soup, a salad, a choice of swordfish, braised chicken or baked rigatoni, plus a chocolate tort for dessert.
Aug. 18, 8 p.m.
Bistro Romano, 120 Lombard St.
bistroromano.com ,$53

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Now in its 12th year, the festival brings 160-plus crafters and fine artists to Haddon Avenue to vend sculptures, glass pieces, jewellery, clothing, photographs, heirloom toys and more. The festival also promises art activities, jazz performances and typical summer-festival foods like snow cones, funnel cake and ice cream.
Aug. 19 through Aug. 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Haddon Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey
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MUSEUMS

ARTime Storytime: Only One You

Kids ages 2 to 5 can immerse themselves in a feel-good story by Linda Kranz, meant to highlight individuality among children. Time is allocated after for crafting, giving kids the chance to design their own patterned fish to take home with them, which is pretty cool.
Aug. 17, 10:30 a.m.
The Barnes Foundation
2025 Benjamin Franklin Parkway,
barnesfoundation.org, Free

Fife and Drum Party

The Museum of the American Revolution breaks in the new car smell of its awe-inspiring Declaration of Independence Plaza by hosting fifers and drummers who will compete for a grand prize performing songs like "Yankee Doodle," of course. Audience members will receive a free toy fife and a tent-shaped cake will be served at 2 p.m.
Aug. 19, 12 p.m.
Museum of the American Revolution
101 S. Third St. ,
amrevmuseum.org, $19

MUSIC

Broccoli Samurai

With a sound as mind-bending as its name, this psychedelic group from Cleveland uses a mix of synths, drums and bass to produce instrumentals that command a room. Their stop in Fishtown is part of a multi-city East Coast tour.
Aug. 17, 9 p.m.
The Fillmore Philadelphia
29 E. Allen St.
broccolisamurai.com, $12

Bacon Brothers Concert

Philly natives The Bacon Brothers perform as part of the Valley Forge Music Fair. Michael and Kevin Bacon — no, not that Kevin Bacon — band together to deliver their invigorating sound of folk, rock, soul and country. The brothers are touring in support of their 2014 album "36 Cents."
Aug. 18, 8 p.m.
Valley Forge Casino Resort
1160 First Ave., King of Prussia
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Out at Borgata

Borgata hosts Pride Bingo, featuring emcee Sandy Beach and DJ Naj with jams to enliven the occasion. Miss'd America contestants Morgan Wells, Mortimer and Alexa Love swing by for performances in between campy cocktails and "B-7" callouts. The grand prize is a $1,000 Borgata gift card.
Aug. 19, 8 p.m.
Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
1 Borgata Way, Atlantic City
out.theborgata.com, $25

A.J. Croce

Son of singer-songwriter Jim Croce brings his soft voice and blend of blues, Americana and jazz music styles to World Café Live for an intimate performance. Croce last released music in 2014, with the eclectic and well-received album "Twelve Tales."
Aug. 19, 8 p.m.
World Café Live,
3025 Walnut St.,
ajcrocemusic.com, $20

DANCE

Dance Night Under the Shambles

Siempre Salsa Philly leads this evening of shake-it-out Latin dancing. A free dance lesson is offered for the first hour, while cocktails, empanadas and tunes from Un Toque de Cache will keep the night going through 9 p.m.
Aug. 18, 6 p.m.
South Street Headhouse District
facebook.com/siempresalsaphilly, Free

LGBT

Drag Wars Lip-Sync Battle: Disney

Voyeur's ongoing Drag Wars competition series continues with this season's cast of queens lip-syncing some of Disney's biggest tunes. The audience picks the winner.
Aug. 17, 9 p.m.
Voyeur Nightclub
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Head to Laurel Hill Cemetery this Friday for spooky fun

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An armed guard was assigned to Henrietta Garrett's grave after she was buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery in 1930. The 1937 exhumation of her grave was caught on film. PROVIDED

It's a thriller, thriller "movie" night.

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Get spooky at Laurel Hill Cemetery with the continuation of their "Cinema at the Cemetery" series. Their next screening on Aug. 18. features "A House on Haunted Hill." The classic 1959 film stars Vincent Price as an eccentric mansion dweller who invites guests for a scary good time. Although the cemetery provides the perfect backdrop for a horror film, the staff doesn't want you to get a fright from anything but the film.

Laurel Hill Director of Programs Emma Stern says that public views on cemeteries shifted after the Civil War. Laurel Hill, founded in 1836, served as a place of entertainment as much as it was for burials and ceremonies. When it first opened, visitors would go to Laurel Hill for walks and picnics, just as they do today.

"Like all rural cemeteries, Laurel Hill was founded for the living to enjoy," she says. "We like to remind people that we are just like a park in most ways."

The film series has become a summer staple over the years. The series began in order to show a short video of a Laurel Hill exhumation from 1937. This footage had been lost for years, and then recovered by organization Secret Cinema. In 1930, wealthy widow Henrietta Garrett was buried without a will. Thousands of people turned up at Laurel Hill claiming to be long lost relatives with rights to her fortune. The cemetery hired armed guards to protect her grave from robbers. The exhumation did not yield a will, but the process was filmed by an eager witness. Viewing this particular piece of Laurel Hill history attracted 1,000 people to their first film screening in 2012.

"This story is a fun way to tie the movie nights into the history of the cemetery," Stern laughs.

Events organized by the Cemetery benefit the upkeep of the historic landmark. Their programming includes the movie nights, nighttime and daytime tours and theatre events.

"Because we are no longer an active cemetery we can do things that are a little nontraditional," she says.

If you can't make the showing on Aug. 18, Laurel Hill will be screening "Children Shouldn't Play with Dead Things" on Friday, Sept. 8.

If you go:

Cinema in the Cemetery: "A House on Haunted Hill"
Friday Aug. 18, 9 p.m., $10
Laurel Hill Cemetery
3822 Ridge Ave.
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The stars align for the 56th annual

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Be sure to bring something to sit on. HOWARD PITKOW

Thousands of fans are expected to attend the 56th annual Philadelphia Folk Festival. HOWARD PITKOW

Like the clockwork of Groundhog Day, the Philadelphia Folk Society's annual Philadelphia Folk Festival has a reason and a season: in the pocket of late summer that is the lazy near-end of August. For the 56th Philly Folk Fest — Aug 17 to 20 at Old Pool Farm — the lineup doesn't get any lazier as some of this primal musical form's finest practitioners will make their way to the woodsy wilds and camping facilities of Upper Salford Township, PA.

Chickabiddy
Here's a weird one to start with: the rustic musical marriage of two Philadelphia theater artisans (Aaron Cromie, Emily Schuman) whose acoustic-based originals touch upon what they say is "love, loss and moving forward in a complicated world." Though they performed as part of 2016's Fringe Fest with an epic space opera, "Exile 2588," Chickabiddy's newly-released debut album, "Songs from Exile," is as grounded as moss.

Taj Mo: The Taj Mahal & Keb'Mo' Band
Individually, these legends – old and young – of African American folk could fill any hall in the area. Together, however, on stage, with each man's bands playing music from their collaborative album, "TajMo," to say nothing of songs from the Great Folk Songbook — anything can happen.

David Amram
A leather-bound book couldn't contain the volumes or the feel of all that David Amram has brought to world music and the diversity of folk music. This multi-instrumentalist goes back to Beat Gen days, having backed "On the Road" author Jack Kerouac, as well as 20th Century folk's dawning by hanging with Woody Guthrie. He's played across generation gaps and genres with Odetta, Bob Dylan, Patti Smith, Nina Simone, Allen Ginsberg, Dizzy Gillespie, Steve Earle and Langhorne Slim. And if you're looking for him in the crowd, he's always got bells and whistles hanging from his sturdy formidable belt.

Queen Esther
If modern folk-blues was looking for its Nina Simone — a smart lyricist with a dramatic voice — it would be the lady of the Deep South, Queen Esther, with her vibrant, soulful four-octave range and a funky sensibility to match.

Graham Nash
The high-voiced Rock and Roll Hall of Famer with the Hollies and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young is a British folkie at heart who has spent the last several seasons travelling, troubadour-like with just himself and another guitarist. Plus, long before Al Gore's brand of "inconvenient Truth," Nash was

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Larry Campbell and Teresa Williams
Another set of musician-singers who have worked with Dylan (and Paul Simon and Emmylou Harris, and Mavis Staples and Levon Helm) the pair began making beautiful soulful folksy music together since the 1980s. Heavy on his powerful, yawning pedal steel guitar and her dulcet tones, these marrieds make a beautiful noise.

Samantha Fish
There's a lot of dirty, electric, neo-blues sounds (think her pal Jack White) in Samantha Fish, an old-school singer and guitarist who likes her folk music frank and on the punk rock side. Album such as "Wild Heart" (2015) and her more recent release "Chills & Fever" are proof that Fish loves folk that's done in the gutter grungy, but with a soulful, doleful twang.

Sylvia Platypus is where folk gets theatrical. PROVIDED

Wesley Stace
Like Graham Nash, Wesley Stace hails from Britain. Unlike Nash, Stace has a sense of ironic distance that's tough to beat, what with spending the other half of his career in the arts writing novels such as 2014's "Wonderkid" and 2008's "By George."

Vita and the Woolf
This is the sound of something way out of place when it comes music at a folk fest. Jennifer "Vita" Pague has this plush operatic voice and "the Woolf" — drummer Adam Shumski — makes rhythmic, electronic pop whose music and duo name steals from the real-life relationship between authors Vita Sackville-West and Virginia Woolf.

Sylvia Platypus
If you really want to go out on a sonic limb, you'll investigate the art-folk theatrical freakout of singer/songwriter Janet "Sylvia" Bressler, her bassist/daughter Ruchama Bilenky and a handful of musicians playing hammered dulcimer, uilleann pipes and big progressive rock guitar styling.

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John DeBella: The Big Tomato

The famed Philly on-air radio personality hosts Tomato Fest 2017.

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In his 35 years of radio broadcasting in Philadelphia — first at WMMR, now at WMGK — John DeBella has always had a talking point and a charity to go with it. If you've bumped into the personable, ultra-accessible DeBella, there has been cheerful conversation regarding finding homes for pooches and an annual "Dog-Walk" in Fairmount Park. There is his "'MGK Turkey Drop," held two days before Thanksgiving on a yearly basis, for area families in need. Who could forget his annual war Veterans Radiothon benefitting the Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service Center, which, in 2014, got an on-air donation of $10,000 from Rod Stewart?

"When I came back from morning radio 15 years ago and got to 'MGK, I was very nervous," says the always frank DeBella. "Would people accept me? I was scared. So I had this conversation with my friend Pierre Robert, in my truck, and he said, 'Just go in there and use your powers for good.' So I did that ever since. Look, I've done very well for myself because of my listeners, and I really needed and wanted to give back." So, DeBella keeps coming up with fun events to raise dollars.

There have been comfort food fests, car shows, comedian events, live rock 'n' roll parties — all meant to do good with some sort of charity involved. And now, this weekend, the mustachioed radio personality has the juicy red tomato — as Jersey-famed as Springsteen — as his spirit guide when 102.9 WMGK-FM presents "John DeBella's Tomato Fest" on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pennsauken's Cooper River Park in Pennsauken, New Jersey.

Enter your tomato in the biggest tomato contest. PROVIDED

Along with local vendors selling their wares, the South Jersey Food Bank will be there for attendees to donate fresh produce and canned goods to help the needy. Donors will be rewarded with an opportunity to plunge a member of DeBella's radio show in the water-filled dunk tank.

Rotten tomatoes? They'll be reserved for target practice with DeBella's face attached to the bulls-eye, all in good fun and for charity. Bobbing for tomatoes? Be prepared to submerge.

"I found it really odd," says DeBella of Tomato Fest's 2016 origins. "With all the raving that people do about the legendary Jersey tomato, no one has ever really done an event around it. Really? Really!"

There are countless stands on the way from Philly to the Jersey shore, notes DeBella, and neither they, nor their gorgeous, plump product, get celebrated as they should. "I was driving down Route 42 and got caught in a traffic jam last spring, and as I'm driving, it's stand after stand. That's when it dawned on me — for all the time I've been here, there's nothing done for the tomato. So I want to do a fest." So he did.

While last year's first event was quietly filled with salsa competitions and biggest tomato contests, DeBella laughs at the realization of one glaring omission on their part. "We didn't have anyone selling tomatoes," he says with a laugh. "Who celebrates tomatoes without offering them up for sale? So this year, we have plenty of tomato purveyors to go with that 'biggest tomato contest,' but — and I'm warning you — they have to be garden grown. If they come with a point-of-purchase label, we'll get that it didn't come from your garden."

There will also be a Bloody Mary bar and a beer garden, a classic car show and loud, live rock 'n' roll from WMGK's longtime house band, Kategory Five.

If you go:

John DeBella's Tomato Fest (presented by 102.9 WMKGK-FM) Saturday, Aug. 19
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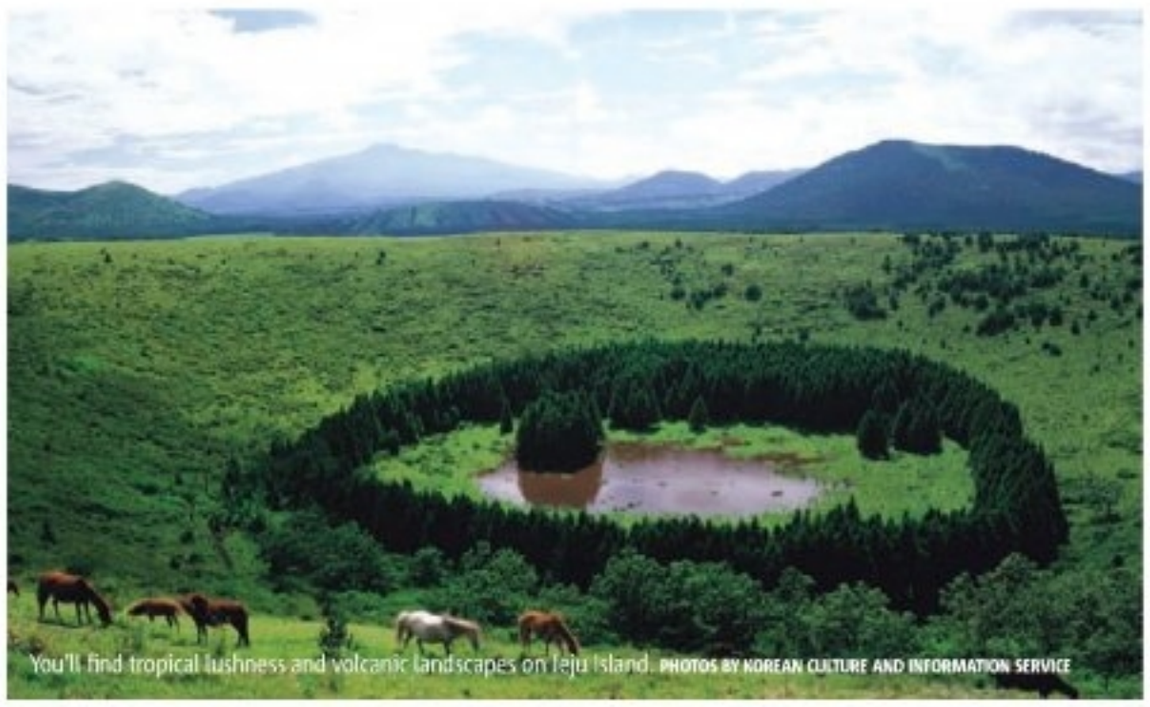
You'll find tropical lushness and volcanic landscapes on Jeju Island. PHOTOS BY KOREAN CULTURE AND INFORMATION SERVICE

Created by volcanic eruptions more than 2 million years ago, Jeju Island, the Unesco World Heritage Site has been likened to the "Hawaii of South Korea" thanks to its black sand beaches, tropical climate, dramatic cliffs and amazing lava tubes. And because of its beautiful natural landscape and 360 volcanoes dotted about the island, Jeju was named one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature. Here's an action-packed guide to help you make the most of the island's natural beauty.

Climb Mount Halla

Jeju is home to the tallest mountain in South Korea, Mount Halla (Hallasan), at 6,397 feet. But the trek up Hallasan is considered one of the most rewarding experiences on the island, thanks to the pristine woodlands, mountain streams, abundant wildlife, waterfalls and views of the amazing Baengnokdam crater. The hike takes roughly 8 to 10 hours roundtrip and is best enjoyed during the spring.

Go Spelunking in a Lava Tube

Formed from volcanic explosions 100,000 to 300,000 years ago, the Unesco World Heritage site, the Geomunoreum Lava Tube System is one of the world's most amazing and well-preserved lava networks. After passing through a dense forest, travelers will follow paths to various caves including the most famous: Manjanggul.

Discover the O'sulloc Tea Museum

Some of the best tea in the world is sourced from Jeju Island thanks to the nutrient-rich soil, optimal climate, and mountainous terrain. Travelers can get a sense of the country's historic tea culture at the ultra-modern O'sulloc Tea Museum in the Seokwang tea fields. Here you'll find a beautiful glass architecture and a plethora of activities. In addition to green tea tastings and views of the lush paddies, there's also an indoor garden, a Tea Cups of the World gallery, an interactive space for tea roasting, and a store selling beautiful ceramics and fresh brews.

Hike the Olle Trails

One of the most scenic and relaxing ways to explore Jeju's natural scenery is on foot, via the "olle" trails. This network of trails comprises 26 interconnected treks, the longest is about 14 miles long. The majority of the trails trace the craggy volcanic coastline, but Trail 14, on the western side of the island, ambles through the lush countryside farther inland, passing by farms, orchards, and forests. *Insider tip:* One of the best times of year to explore the olle trails is in March and April when never-ending fields of gorgeous yellow canola flowers bloom.

Hallabong Mandarin oranges

Go for a Bike Ride on U-Do Island

Dubbed Peanut Island, U-Do is located about 15 minutes off the eastern coast of Jeju, easily accessible by ferry. The island is known for its peanut harvests, peanut ice cream sundaes, seafood hot pot, seaweed soup, and an incredible coastline — black rocky shores and turquoise waters. The easiest way to explore is by bike, though vendors near the ferry pier also rent electric bikes and quirky smart cars.

See the Haenyeo Divers

Historically, Jeju has relied on the fruits of the sea for sustenance, as it's difficult to grow certain crops on land due to the rugged terrain. The islanders developed special techniques to pluck sea urchins, octopus, squid, seaweed, and mollusks from the deep. That's where Jeju's famous haenyeo divers come in. Designated a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, these female divers don wetsuits and goggles, then plunge 20 meters into the Korean Strait without any breathing equipment — holding their breath for 3 minutes at a time.

Try Hallabong Mandarin Oranges

The island's hallabong oranges are famous for their sweet flavor and a nub at the top, which makes them super easy to peel. While they're usually sold in bulk at the markets, you can sample the flavors in the form of a freshly squeezed orange juice, available at ubiquitous stands at tourist spots around the island. If you're visiting in November, check out the Jeju Orange Festival.

Enter a Volcano at Sunrise Peak

Seongsan Ilchul-bong, also known a Sunrise Peak, is one of the island's accessible volcanoes. Though steep, the 600-foot hike only takes about 30 minutes up clear pathways and a few sets of stairs. At the top, there's a well-maintained, stadium-like viewing platform that overlooks the ocean beyond, island behind, and a giant crater in the foreground that was formed more than 5,000 years ago. Sit by the crater's ridge to take it all in; the experience continues as you descend the wooden stairs on the opposite side of the mountain, with spectacular ocean views along the way.

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3 Things to watch for as Eagles continue preseason vs. Bills

1 'It's awkward'

Less than a week after a shocking trade with Buffalo, the Bills come to Philly to play at the Linc. Jordan Matthews injured his sternum in his first practice after being traded up north and may or may not make the trip to see his old teammates. His Philly trade counterpart, cornerback Ronald Darby, will be right back where he was last weekend, lining up opposite the Bills' offense.

"It's awkward of course because just a few days ago I was there eating lunch in the cafeteria." Darby said. "It's going to be weird but a good feeling at the end of the day."

2 Remember to run

The Eagles threw the ball 57 times against Green Bay, a high number for a preseason game. Their run game accounted for just 47 yards. The second preseason game will look different, offensive coordinator Frank Reich said.

"We want to be balanced in the preseason," the coach said. "We want to be balanced in the regular season. But at the end of the day, each game is its own unit. Sometimes you're going to have to throw it 60 times. I'd like us to have a couple games where we run for over 200 yards and throw it for 150. I'm hoping we have a few of those. So, yeah, I'd like us to run the ball better than we did last week.".

3 Eagles debuts

Expected in the first preseason game are the debuts of cornerback Ronald Darby and wide receiver Alshon Jeffery, each of whom will play a series, maybe two with the first units Thursday.

"I am leaning towards him playing, yes," Pederson said of Jeffery. "He feels comfortable, we've talked about it, so I'm comfortable with him going."

"[It will] be exciting to watch him in live action," Pederson said of Darby.

"I want to see us take care of the football better" Doug Pederson said. "I felt like we were a little sloppy and loose in the second half with some of the turnovers." GETTY IMAGES

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Eagles front 7: Which pass rushers can sneak on roster?

Talented young defensive linemen give the Eagles both depth and tough decisions as the off-season continues.

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A lot happened this week for the Eagles, and while it sure changes the make-up of the team, it may not heavily affect the outlook for today's position group: the front seven. A serious strength here, the players on the bubble, especially along the defensive line, are almost exclusively promising youngsters that we should expect to see snapped up if they reach the practice squad.

The drama here is figuring out how the rotation of Brandon Graham, Chris Long, Vinny Curry, and Derek Barnett will shake out at defensive end, which young defensive tackles will take advantage of Beau Allen's injury-caused absence, and how much of a gap the Eagles see between Mychal Kendricks and rookie Nathan Gerry.

The Locks: *Brandon Graham, Derek Barnett, Fletcher Cox, Timmy Jernigan, Nigel Bradham, Jordan Hicks*
Graham, Cox, Hicks, and Bradham are established forces on the defense and Jernigan has had rave reviews since arriving this off-season. Barnett's garnered the same kind of hype and looked worth it against Green Bay Thursday. This group of players is here to stay, hopefully for many years.

Safe Bets: *Vinny Curry, Chris Long, Beau Allen, Mychal Kendricks, Nathan Gerry, Najee Goode*
Now the crowd starts to form for playing time at defensive end. Curry is the second highest paid (base-salary) player on the Eagles roster this season and while his sacks have diminished cutting him would be $6 million dollars even more expensive for the Eagles. He isn't going anywhere and perhaps returning to a more rotational defensive line will bring back his best seasons of productivity.

Kendricks has survived trade rumors the past two off-seasons but the Jordan Matthews trade this week proves sometimes where there's smoke there's fire. Part of the Eagles feeling safe trading Matthews was the emergence of

Projected front seven

DE Brandon Graham
DT Fletcher Cox
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It's very possible that by season's end, rookie pass-rusher Derek Barnett could be starting on the Eagles' D-line . GETTY IMAGES

Nelson Agholor and Mack Hollins and their faith in Torrey Smith, and Kendricks' best case for remaining in Philadelphia might be the lack of other options in the linebacking corps.

Gerry, the Eagles' fifth-round pick out of Nebraska and a converted safety, and Goode, a veteran who has played 45 games for the Eagles over the past four years, are the favorites to be backup linebackers.

Bubble: *Steven Means, Alex McCalister, Elijah Qualls, Destiny Vaeao, Joe Walker, Kamu Grugier-Hill, Don Cherry*
Means has been impressive for the Eagles the past two preseasons but is stuck trying to make progress at the most log-jammed position on the roster. McCalister, a seventh-round pick a year ago, spent his rookie season adding strength and bulk.

Qualls got a late start due to injury while Vaeao impressed as an undrafted rookie a season ago, playing in all 16 games and recording two sacks.

Grugier-Hill, Cherry, and Walker all joined the team as rookies in 2016. Neither Cherry, a Villanova product who spent the year on the practice squad or Walker, a seventh-round pick from Oregon who suffered a torn ACL, played during the season. At least one or two of them should make the roster, and that number could go up if Kendricks is removed from the equation.

Practice Squad Watch: *Winston Craig, Justin Hamilton, Gabe Wright*
Craig is an undrafted free agent out of Richmond. Hamilton is also a former UDFA who has spent most of the past two seasons on the Seahawks practice squads. Wright, also entering his third season, has played 12 games for the Lions and Browns over the past two years. Of this group, Hamilton has received the most praise and probably has the best chance of making the roster, as potential spots open up if Beau Allen remains injured.

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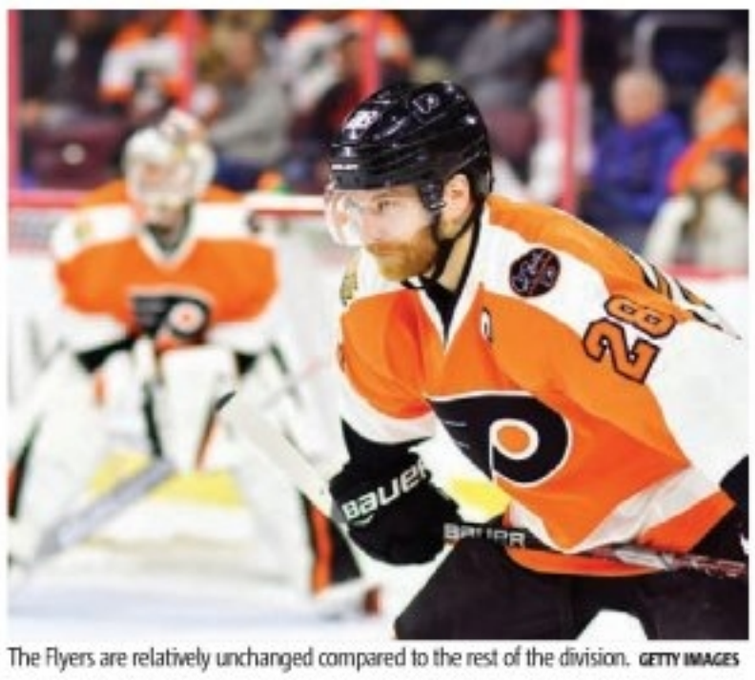
Except for trading Brayden Schenn for a depth player and draft picks, the Flyers remained mostly quiet this summer. General manager Ron Hextall, whose lone free agent signing was goalie Brian Elliott, will lean on a veteran core and a dose of up to six rookies, including second overall selection Nolan Patrick, to carry the load.

In the first of a two-part series, let's look at who left and arrived in the Metro:

Carolina
Notable arrivals: Scott Darling, Trevor Van Riemsdyk, Justin Williams, Marcus Kruger
Notable departures: Eddie Lack
Skinny: The big name here is Darling, who camped out behind goalie Corey Crawford for the last three years in Chicago. He's 6-foot-6, 225 pounds, went 18-5 with a .924 save percentage last season and will get his first job as a starter. Despite his age (35), Williams still has enough left in the tank to score 20 goals and has a couple of Cups on his resume.

Columbus
Arrivals: Artemi Panarin
Departures: Scott Hartnell; Sam Gagner; Brandon Saad
The skinny: The Blue Jackets won the offseason with their blockbuster trade to acquire Panarin, who posted 151 points the last two years in Chicago. He's an upgrade over Saad.

New Jersey
Arrivals: Nico Hischier; Marcus Johanssen, Bryan Boyle
Departures: Michael Cammalleri
The skinny: Although the defense needs a ton of work, their three additions will no doubt improve the offense. Hischier, the first pick in the draft, provides instant offense and intrigue, while Johanssen, who spent six years in D.C., posted a career-high 58 points last season (24 goals). Boyle will bring leadership and grit at center on the third or fourth line. ERIC GOLDSTEIN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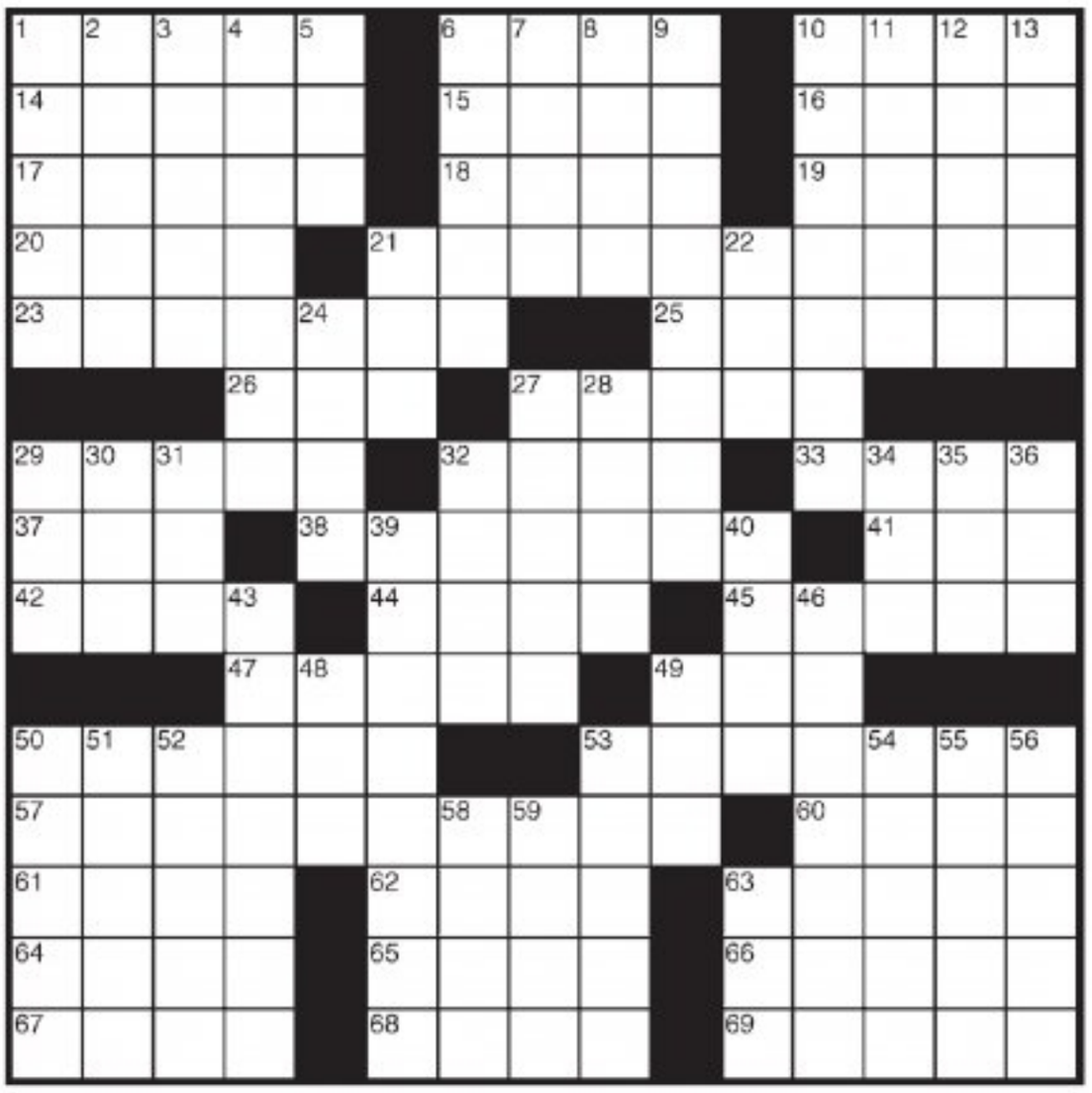

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